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## OPINION

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## CITY COMMISSION

### Discovery Center plan input sought at meeting

By Corene Brisendine  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The city commission plans to discuss the Flint Hills Discovery Center exhibit design plan and consider a request for funding by Manhattan Surgical Hospital and the establishment of new parking zones in Manhattan at tonight's meeting.

Also on the agenda is the reading of an ordinance to rezone the downtown entertainment district.

The exhibit design team will be presenting its concepts to the commission. No motion will be given at this time by the commission, but guidance and feedback is requested on the design of the center.

Mayor Bob Strawn said he was not impressed with the pictures of the parking garage, hotel and convention center. He said he looks forward to the presentation tonight and hopes the presenters will be better at convincing him the project is worth the money the city has invested.

"I think the Discovery Center is coming along fine," Strawn said. "But what I see across the street is nothing special."

Other items on the general agenda include a request for funding of an expansion for the Manhattan Surgical Hospital.

The hospital has applied for the city to help fund its expansion that is planned to include two additional operating rooms and six more inpatient rooms. If the city agrees to help with funding, the estimated \$6.1-million project will receive up to \$900,000 of city funding. The funding will be paid based on job creation, investments made by the hospital and benefits described in the agreement between the hospital and the city. An annual payment to the hospital of \$10,000 per job created per year will be given to the hospital if the city agrees to help fund the project. The city is required to spend at least two meetings discussing the economic development agreement before making a decision. Tonight will be the first scheduled meeting to discuss funding. The second meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15, according to the agenda.

The city also plans to discuss and move on the creation of two new parking zones in Manhattan. The first zone will include both sides of Fourth Street and the 300 block of Moro Street for residents who live along these streets to have parking access between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. If passed, residents who live along these streets will be able to purchase a parking permit from the city for \$5. The city received a request from Rich Seidler, director of development for McCullough Properties Inc. The parking zone will be designated as a "white zone," according to the agenda.

The second zone will allow parallel parking in stalls along Laramie Street, from 14th Street to 16th Street and on 16th Street from Laramie Street to Fairchild Avenue. Manhattan Christian College sent a letter to the city requesting the parking zone. MCC has requested to be the entity allowed to issue the parking permits. With the proper permit,

## Parking stall



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Construction is nearly completed on the K-State Student Union skywalk. The skywalk will connect the new parking garage to the Union.

## K-State's parking garage nears completion

By Tim Schrag  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

"Slow and steady wins the race" may not directly apply to K-State's Parking Garage, but the pokey progress of the building has kept the project \$2 million under budget.

Darwin Abbott, director of parking services, said though he would like to see the project finished as soon as possible, he is glad that the final estimated cost will be closer to \$15 million rather than the initial budgeted \$17 million.

Though the completion date has been pushed back multiple times, due to what Abbott called weather-related delays, completion of the garage is now anticipated for sometime next month, he said.

"The big issue for us is going to be getting the fourth level done which is tied to the getting stairs and elevator towers completed," Abbott said.

Since the garage's partial opening this fall, Abbott said it has seen a great deal of use but not as much as there could be.

"We've sold lots of passes but a lot of people were not happy early on because to this day it is still partially a construction zone," he said. "I think it will be better when we get the walkways done."

K-State Student Body President Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural communications and journalism and agricultural economics said despite some mild unpopularity of the garage, he thinks it is a useful welcome point for K-State.

"A lot people say we don't want an ugly parking garage on the front of the union or the side that faces the community; I think that it looks great," he said. "I think that

courtyard area is going to be great."

Henry, along with three other K-State students, sits on the parking council whose job is to regulate parking issues, including the parking garage.

Abbott said many students have bought the RFID cards required to park in reserved student spaces in the garage.

Carla Brown, undergraduate in pre-pharmacy said paying \$10 for the RDIF card on top of her \$80 parking pass was worth the money, despite the fact that she has to arrive an hour before her class to find a spot.

"It was really hard to find a parking space before they had the garage; now it's fairly easy to find a parking space in the garage," Brown said. "I know it's far away from my classes but it's worth the extra \$10 to make sure I get a space."

Though paying for access does not guarantee a space, Brown said she has not been able to use the garage once this semester.

In addition to the completion of the garage, a skywalk will connect the garage to the K-State Student Union. Abbott said the bridge was added to the plans after the Union and the Student Governing Association requested it.

Henry said this space will really help project K-State as more accessible to students, faculty, prospective students and visitors, as it provides better access to campus.

Abbott said he feels that various details to the garage, skywalk and plaza below the wall have helped tie the facility into both the union and Bosco Student Plaza. Additionally, Abbott said the parking services would be working with the union to create an area similar to Bosco Plaza with the addition of similar umbrella tables.



Once opened, the skywalk will connect the second floor of the Union to the new parking garage.

The landscaping around the garage, which will not be completed until later in the spring Abbott said, is underway as sod is currently being placed around the structure.

"We like it; it will be lots better once all the construction is done and then we can make everything work the way it's intended to," Abbott said.

## Seasonal, H1N1 vaccines available

By Jason Miller  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Today K-State students will be able to receive seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccines.

"We're expecting to have about 500 of the seasonal influenza, and quite a bit of H1N1," said Theresa Doyle, Lafene health educator.

"You don't have to worry about running out." H1N1 cost \$12, and the seasonal influenza cost \$15 for students and \$20 for faculty, staff, and family members.

Students should be aware there are new H1N1 vaccine eligibility criteria recently established. In addition to having a current Wildcat ID, students must be between 16-24 years old. Any student outside of that age range must meet

one of the following requirements:

- Students who are healthcare workers or first responders
- Students who live with or care for an infant less than 6 months of age
- Students between the ages of 25-64 years who have an underlying chronic medical condition that puts them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

The H1N1 vaccine is not available from Lafene Health Center for pregnant women, faculty and staff, student spouses and children of students.

"There's a chance that some places and times may change, we encourage people to check Lafene's web site for up to date information," Doyle said.

### VACCINE CLINICS

**H1N1 Influenza**  
December 1  
Union  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
December 4  
Union  
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
December 7  
Union  
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
December 10  
Union  
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Seasonal influenza**

December 3

Lafene

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Available to all K-State students, faculty, staff and family members 18 years or older.

## POLICE REPORT

### Local woman reports rape

By Tiffany Roney  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A local woman reported to the Riley County Police Department that she was raped, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD.

The woman, in her mid-20s, said she was raped in southwest Manhattan between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Nov. 24, according to the report.

Crosby said the suspect was known to her.

### BULLET GRAZES BOY

Two local boys, ages 16 and 17, were playing with a .22 caliber revolver

when the 17-year-old fired the handgun, grazing the 16-year-old, Crosby said.

The incident occurred Sunday at 12:30 a.m. on 625 Yuma St., according to the report.

Crosby said the boy was not taken to the hospital.

### BACKHOE STOLEN

A local man reported to the RCPD that his backhoe was stolen.

Kenneth Molds, 48, of 3601 Englewood St., said his Cat backhoe was stolen from 328 Johnson Road. Molds said he had

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# K-State grounds worker spends life studying political science

By Jason Miller  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Most days, as Joel Groninga walks around campus picking up trash, he is unnoticed. At 5 feet, 7 inches tall, with blond hair and blue eyes, Groninga seamlessly blends into the student body, donning multiple layers of clothing to stay warm.

After graduating from K-State, Groninga worked in the Department of Housing and Dining Services, and after two years moved to his current position in the Division of Facilities, where he has been for the last six years. As a child, Groninga did not dream of working on the grounds crew of K-State, and inside the ear buds of his MP3 player is the link to his dreams. Groninga spends each day listening to political books on tape or podcasts, and he admits to being a political junkie for the last 20 years.

## HISTORICAL SURROUNDINGS

As a native of Abilene, Kan., awareness of political history is inescapable, Groninga said. He has read more books than he can remember, and he is often found in intense discussions about a wide range of political topics. It was at a centennial birthday celebration for former President Eisenhower that this seed was planted.

"Right when I turned 13, I just started reading every book that I could read about presidents, or politicians or people associated with presidents," Groninga said. "Then I started actually writing them and asking them why they got involved with public service."

Through his adolescent letter-writing campaign, Groninga began receiving autographs and correspondence from some of America's highest public officials. While most pre-teens in Abilene were playing sports or video games, Groninga was following Senate committee chairs and studying political science.

"Our library at home started bursting at the seams with political books," said Janet Groninga, Joel's mom.

## GROWING UP WITH A HEALTHY ADDICTION

In 1991, Joel, his father, Steve, and his terminally ill grandfather, Bud, took a trip to the nation's capital — a move that would seal the fate of Joel's political addiction.

"Steve and Joel managed to push Grandpa Bud in a wheelchair to the Senate visitor gallery to be recognized as special visitors from Kansas," Janet said.

The three not only met Bob Dole, but were also given a private tour of the Senate. An intern took them through the underground tunnel from the center office straight to the capital.

"My [teen] memories are mostly of reading books on politics," he said. "You could say I was different from most kids in a sense that, yeah, I liked sports and wanted to be good at sports, but when it all came down to it, I really enjoyed politics, and I think every kid needs something they enjoy."

He attended Washburn University and focused on political studies.

"We encouraged Joel to look at business or psychology, but his interest was political science," Janet said. "Joel lived and breathed politics as a young adult."

Groninga said his freshman year left him burnt out and missing his family, so he decided to move closer to his fam-

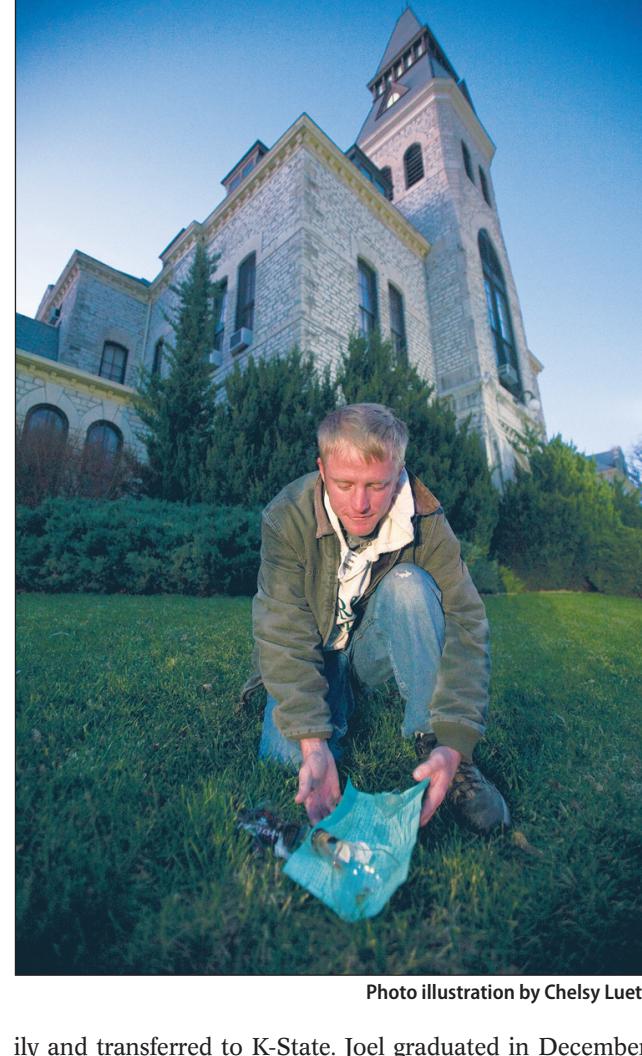


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ily and transferred to K-State. Joel graduated in December of 2001, a few short months after the Sept. 11 attacks shook the nation.

"When that attack happened, it did so much damage to the economy," he said. "That's almost the equivalent of what these graduates of K-State are going through now — I couldn't find a job. I started applying for everything."

After working for Facilities during his years as a student, Groninga found it an easy transition to work on campus full-time.

## WORKING IN HIS DREAM FIELD

Making the jump into a political science career has proven to be a problem for Groninga. Despite what seems to be an endless knowledge across the political spectrum, Groninga said political jobs are rooted in connections and niches. He received a degree before political internships were a requirement for graduation, and he did not have the opportunity to meet people in the field, working for a congressman or state legislature.

"Most people that want to go into politics have to figure out, are they the people behind the scenes helping some-

one get elected, or 'Am I the person who's the politician that is going to go out there and deal with the public?'" Groninga said.

Happy to be behind the scenes, Groninga did get some experience, during winter 2000, when he and his best friend, Jack Martin, went to Iowa to work for former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley's presidential campaign. Groninga said his role there was to do whatever the campaign needed and support his best friend.

"To be a political operative you have to have a niche and the thing about Jack Martin was that he understood communications and rapid response," Groninga said.

Martin, who has been a staff member on three political campaigns and works for the University of Kansas, agreed.

"Most people in politics aren't generalists," Martin said.

Martin said he thinks Groninga would best find his niche working in the field.

"Field work is tough because it involves meeting all sorts of people, going door-to-door and so on," he said. "But Joel has the sort of outgoing personality that makes that work much easier."

However, with no specific niche to offer a political campaign — in his opinion — Groninga looked for a stable job, benefits and a location close to his family.

During summer 2003, Groninga interned with the Kansas Democratic Party and in 2004 he volunteered for Rep. Nancy Boyda's campaign working a bit in the field. There, Groninga said he got experience on how to campaign. He made calls, passed out flyers and worked more closely with the permanent staffers than in previous campaign endeavors.

## MOVING FORWARD

Looking around the crowded coffee shop, Groninga said he keeps working hard and hopes that one lucky break will come his way. One such break almost came his way this past summer. He was offered a job last July to work on a campaign in Pennsylvania.

"The older you get, you start to get more responsible, and there's this thing called money," Groninga said laughing. "So I said, financially, I just can't take a big risk. If Congress had passed portable health care a couple years ago, I would've been gone to work on that campaign."

While professors and friends urged him to consider the job, Joel agreed with his family that it was not a stable enough opportunity.

Janet said the family was really excited for Groninga but disappointed the organization didn't offer a living wage, benefits or health insurance.

"It was very unfortunate that the financial side of it just didn't work out, but at the end of the day you have to pay your bills, so I understand why he made the decision he did," Martin said.

Groninga has stayed in Kansas, continuing to work for grounds and listening to his political podcasts. However, he remains optimistic about his future. Groninga continues to work hard, keep his eyes open for new opportunities, and — as always — nurses his addiction.

"Joel has a passion for politics, stays informed, researches pros and cons on issues," Janet said. "Joel loves the political process, is honest, trustworthy, loyal and a hard worker."

## iPhone application offers campus maps, location device

By David Schuler  
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI— A University of Cincinnati Apple iPhone application might be on its way to campus. Stephen Pestian, a fourth-year English and creative writing student hopes to develop one during the next year.

"All of the aspects of campus are not available in one location, and the goal is to unite all of those parts in one spot," Pestian said. Tentatively titled UCNow, the current plan is for it to include campus maps, The News Record's stories and event listings.

"As this develops, I hope to include more features, such as a geo-locator," Pestian said. A geo-locator allows students to publish their location on a map of campus in order to meet up with friends or know someone made it home safely.

This feature could also be extended to the university transportation system so users could see each shuttle's exact location in real time.

Pestian's application would not be the first of its kind.

Stanford University in California launched iStanford in October 2008, Duke University released DukeMobile in March and many other institutions are working to develop their own versions of the software. The current version of iStanford features access to the campus map, course directories and live sports updates.

Apple has sensed this could be a significant advancement in the way applications are used. They have released the iPhone Developer University Program as a "free program designed for higher education institu-

tions looking to introduce iPhone app development into their curriculum," according to its Web site.

The program is there to facilitate the creation of applications for the iPhone and iPod touch by universities. This allows institutions to utilize tools and programs provided by Apple to launch their own apps and are designed to allow students to work with the faculty and staff of an institution in the development process.

Pestian wants to take part in this new wave of higher education application development. "I hope to become a part of this development and jump on board with the spread of university applications," Pestian said.

He has high hopes for this project and is willing to partner with the university to see this accomplished.

There are fees associated with creating and maintaining an iPhone application; Pestian hopes the university will see this project as an opportunity and step in to help ensure its completion.

Once completed, Pestian would like to see the app offered for download better connected to campus and the university. Once it is finished, the plan is to work with Apple to have it offered on the iTunes App Store.

Pestian also envisions this application being available to users of not only Apple products, but other application-supporting devices such as BlackBerry. He would like to see this aid students and all members of the UC community.

"I hope this app will help campus by letting everyone get the information they need in a much easier way," Pestian said.

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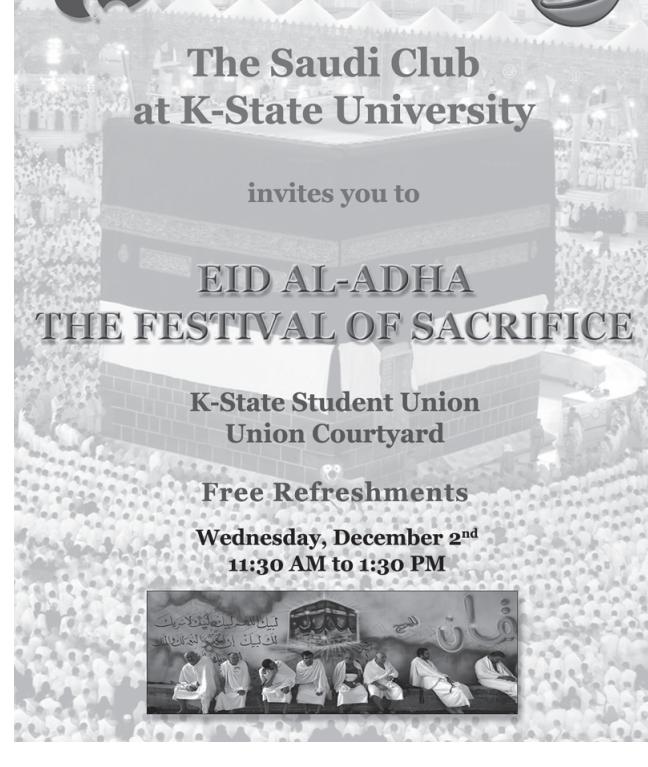
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# Little Apple, big fine

## War on underage drinking creates revenue for city

Last weekend, I was walking to a party with a bottle in my hand, and a police officer stopped just to check my ID. He seemed thoroughly disappointed when he realized I was 21. I thought back to my freshman year when a cop once stopped to tell me and 10 other underage guys who all had open containers we "probably shouldn't drink on the street." I shook my head as I realized how much has changed in this town over the last three years.

The Riley County Police Department has pursued underage drinking mercilessly in recent years. In March 2007, RCPD received a \$9,000 grant to fight underage drinking, according to a March 2007 article from the Manhattan Mercury. Before this grant, officers had been fairly understanding of the fact that "kids will be kids."

Five-keggers were a common occurrence, and I frequently knew of so many parties happening one night that I had to make lists. Following the grant, RCPD began breaking up every party and writing as many minor in possession of alcohol charges as possible. The RCPD received the grant again in spring 2008, and again in 2009.

With these grants as well as their own resources, RCPD has waged a war against underage drinking. Recently, they have gone from breaking up house parties to begin writing MIPs for people tailgating.

In Riley County, the fine for an MIP is usually a little more than \$400. A first conviction for an MIP results in a 30-day suspension of your license, though the suspension can be avoided if you opt for diversion, which will cost about double the fine. An MIP comes with a similar fine and a mandatory 90-day suspension of your license. A third MIP results in a suspended license for a full year, along with the fine.

Suspending a person's license for a crime not involving driving is virtually unheard of. The only other crime a person can commit without driving in Kansas that costs them their license is not paying child support for an extended period of time.

There is no reason people convicted of MIPs should lose their driving privileges. You can crash your car and not lose your license. You could even be pulled over high and in

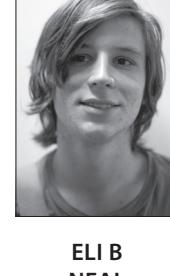
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possession of illegal drugs and not lose your license. However, if you have an unopened beer in your hand and you're underage, you can lose your license. The state of Kansas seems to be saying it finds people who drive while on meth more deserving of driving privileges than 20-year-olds who drink a few beers and walk home.

The fines for MIPs are nearly as unfitting of the crimes as the license suspensions. A \$400 fine can be terrible for the finances of a broke college student. I've known dozens of people who have gotten MIPs over the years, and all of them struggled to pay the large fines. Many had to sacrifice every spare dollar they had for months and months or take on extra shifts at work.

Matthew Richter, city prosecutor, estimates between 15 and 20 people are charged with MIPs a month. This means the city has made more than \$66,000 from MIP convictions this year.

Despite Kansas' strict laws and RCPD's war on MIPs, underage drinking is as prevalent as ever in Manhattan. Attempting to

force college students to stop drinking underage is a battle that cannot be won. The only real effects have been that the lives of thousands of students have been made more difficult, and a town that was once fun on the weekends has become increasingly lifeless.

Riley County needs to stop attacking underage drinking as if it were a serious crime and devote its resources to crimes that actually need to be solved. Perhaps they could be solving the numerous home robberies that have taken place recently or catching the Manhattan rapist, who has attacked at least seven women since 2001, according to the Lawrence Journal-World.

Then again, the city will not be able to fine the Manhattan rapist — he'll only be looking at jail time — while every underage kid with a beer means \$400 more dollars in the city's pocket.

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### GUEST COLUMNIST

## Birth rates declining, dangerous for U.S.

Some think a growing population serves to exacerbate all of the systemic problems of our world. Beth Mendenhall has even written a column on the subject. In fact, such a thing is only a bad dream and not the truth.

Scarcity is indeed a problem. In fact, in terms of economics, it is the problem. People are forced to economize in the face of scarcity. We have limited resources to fill unlimited ends. Mendenhall acts as if "overpopulation" is some new problem that will be the downfall of the human race and the planet. In fact, this is not a new "problem."

Such a problem was dreamt up by Thomas Malthus in the late 1700s. He did some rough calculations and came to the conclusion that the world would run out of food by the end of the 1800s. To remedy this problem, he advocated the killing of elderly people and placing limits on how many children people could have. Mendenhall, thankfully, does not advocate a government control of birth rate.

One might ask, though, how could the government control birth rates? When I get married, I certainly don't want anyone telling me and my wife how many children we can have.

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But I digress. Let's assume Malthus was right with his calculations and the world would have run out of food.

What happened in the 1800s that allowed the veritable explosion in population growth during and after that period? The Industrial Revolution. The new technologies in all areas of life that developed out of that era allowed the limited resources of the earth to be spread over more and more people. These technologies allowed for a healthier population, as well, because people could consume higher-quality food and could live in cleaner environments.

Mendenhall decries capitalism as one of the evils destroying our earth. I submit that, as capitalism is the driving force behind new technology, it actually saves humanity. As entrepreneurs work to become profitable, their inventions make our entire world better.

Let's assume all this analysis is wrong and a growing population will really cause all of the horrible things Mendenhall thinks it will. Is "overpopulation" really on the horizon? In fact, no. According to the United Nations Population Division, the worldwide birthrate will be less than replacement by 2050.

This means the worldwide population will begin to decline. It is already far below replacement in many European countries. The native populations of the entire European Union will eventually die off, as the average birth rate is

about 1.5 children per woman (far below the replacement rate, which is 2.1). In the U.S., we already have the problem of too many elderly people and not enough youth. This is one of the main causes of the imminent failure of Social Security. There will simply be too many people who cannot work for the people who can work to take care of. How will we deal with this problem after 2050 when the entire world begins to experience this?

Let's take another look at the United States. Population growth has leveled off in the U.S. partly through a natural phenomenon. As a country becomes more developed, there is an increased need for an educated populace. This means that, more and more, people put off raising a family in favor of continued education. Birth rates slowly decline as a result.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this has been happening in the U.S. for quite some time. In the last 30 years, the number of U.S. women who reached the end of their childbearing years without bearing a child went from 10 percent to 20 percent.

There is no need for Malthusian population control, either at the whim of the government or a self-hating ideology.

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### TO THE POINT

## While they were building the parking garage...

**TO THE POINT** is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

The Student Senate voted to approve plans for a new parking garage on campus in fall 2005, and the proposal came before the Board of Regents in October of that year. We are now near completion of that parking garage, with it expected to be finished in January.

For your amusement,

we have compiled a list of events that have happened since approval of the parking garage.

- Bill Snyder has retired and been rehired.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average has broken 10,000, peaked at 14,000, crashed to 6,600, and finally rebroken 10,000.
- President Jon Wefald has been honored, he retired and his record is now being tarnished af-

ter an exit audit.

- Duke Nukem Forever, a constant project since 1997, has been canceled.
- K-State has broken ground on an entirely new campus in Olathe, Kan.
- Student Body President Lucas Maddy has been elected, served for one year, graduated and started a band.
- The Wildcats have gone to one bowl game.
- The housing market has built into a bubble, then popped.
- The first black president, Barack Obama, has come into office and been awarded a Nobel Peace Prize.
- Huggieville has been embraced, then later burned.
- Quarterback Josh Freeman has graduated from high school, played three seasons for K-State and been drafted into the NFL.
- Miley Cyrus has had her entire music career.

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**OK**, so we're on the way back for Thanksgiving break, and we definitely just saw a dude driving a Buick at night with his in-car lights on wearing a big cowboy hat. What's wrong with that? Everything.

**Symptoms** of schizophrenia are auditory hallucinations, paranoia and disorganized speech and thought, not delusions of grandeur and pop-culture humor usage. Welcome to college. Signed, Frat Boy.

To the amateurs watching "SportsCenter" top plays in Kramer: Do you really have to laugh after every single play?

Chuck Fischer's article on hunting is awesome.

To the girl in Kramer the other day who said "I feel sorry for the next guy I hook up with": What does that even mean?

So, I was driving through Wal-Mart and I saw these pretty sweet guys with these pretty awesome cars. I'm pretty sure they were getting ready to drag. Pretty hot stuff.

Dear Fourum, this is to the boy carrying the boom box playing "Mannheim Steamroller". Can we be friends?

Thanks a lot, Hale. The one time I need to use your computers, you have half of them off for maintenance.

I'm on Oklahoma State's campus and I found a winner: Camouflage sweat pants with Uggs.

To the person commenting about the Pink Floyd songs on the radio: As long as you're a chick, I love you.

We're driving through Lawrence and we just got to Mass. St., to which my friend — the driver — replies "Oh, crap, we've driven too far. We've gotten all the way to Massachusetts."

Just so you know, MCC's mission statements are all crooked.

I just saw a guy with a belt buckle the size of a TV dinner tray. I love K-State.

To the guy wondering why he got a zero for something he didn't turn in: It's kind of self-explanatory.

To the two studs smoking outside Moore Hall: I want to be just like you when I grow up.

Dear yesterday's Fourum, thanks for wasting two minutes of my life that I'll never get back.

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## Posting nutritional facts doesn't curb calorie intake, study shows

By Tiffany Roney  
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A new health study by several professors at New York University and Yale might solidify the old adage, "Humans are creatures of habit."

The study tracked customers at fast-food chains to test the effects of New York City's new law, which requires fast-food chains to prominently post the calorie content of every item on the menu.

While the law aimed to improve public health by combating obesity, according to an article by The New York Times, the study found customers actually ordered slightly more calories after seeing the calorie counts.

"Maybe they're in defiance of it — they say, 'To heck with you, I don't care about the calories,'" said Elizabeth Barrett, associate professor of hospitality management and dietetics.

Researchers conducted the study by collecting about 1,100 receipts two weeks before and four weeks after the calorie posting law took effect.

The receipts were bought for \$2 from customers in the South Bronx, central Brooklyn, Harlem and other New York neighborhoods with high proportions of obesity and diabetes. A similar population in Newark, N.J., was chosen as a control group, according to the Times article.

Barrett said it is surprisingly easy for fast-food customers to eat a day's worth of calories in one sitting. It is not unusual for people to order a 1,500-calorie hamburger, which is three-fourths of an average person's calorie needs for a whole day, she said.

"Plus, if they order a Coca-Cola and fries, you can get 2,500 calories in one meal, which is more than you need in one day — it adds up very quickly," she said.

While the NYU study examined 1,100 restaurant receipts, the city is doing its own analysis of 12,000 restaurant receipts, which it plans to release in a few months, according to the Times article.

Furthermore, since New York pioneered the calorie-posting law, other locations, primarily along the West Coast, have instituted similar rules.

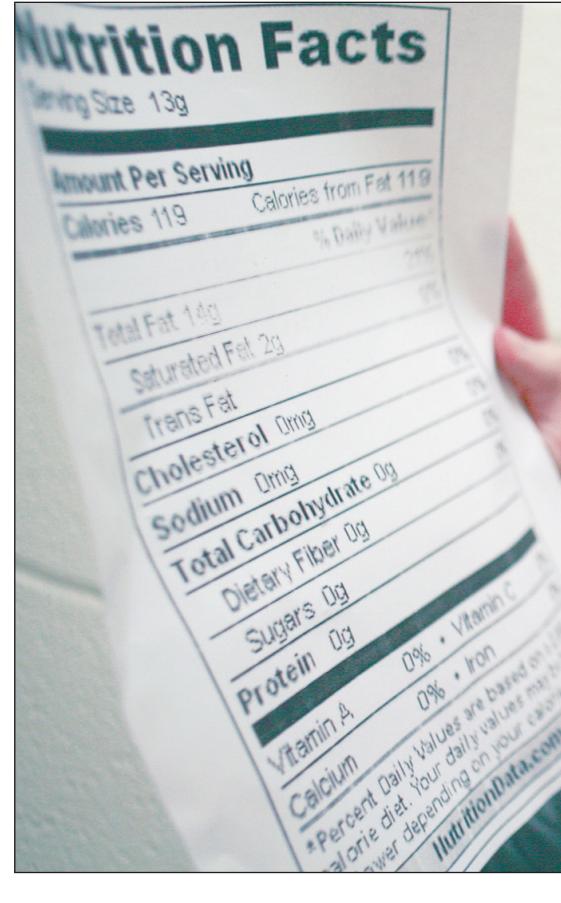


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Kathy Brower, food service sanitarian for the Riley County Health Department, said Kansas does not have plans to institute a similar law. She said she thought it would go over well if it was instituted, but it might cause problems for smaller restaurants because deriving the calorie counts of foods is an expensive operation.

"My main concern would be all of the 'mom and pop' restaurants that we have here in the Midwest," Brower said. "Would those people be able to afford it? Would it put them out of business?"

"If they could not afford to have some items tested, would they have to cut down the size of their menu? It gets very complicated very fast."

Dianna Schalles, health educator and registered dietitian at Lafene Health Cen-

ter, said she is in favor of the calorie-count postings because they are helpful to anyone — even educated dietitians. She said a common guide for people to use is to choose baked or grilled food instead of fried food, but people should be their own detectives and look up information, because there can be special sauces and extra oils in foods that add calories.

"It's important to take control over that and be aware and be a little bit more assertive when you are eating out," Schalles said. "Even as a dietitian, I can be fooled by things, so it's important to arm yourself with the facts."

However, Schalles said knowledge should not be solely from signs the restaurant chooses to post because those are simply responses to consumer demands. Select-

ing healthy foods is a skill people must learn for themselves, because it all comes down to personal responsibility, she said.

Matt Whetstone, sophomore in architecture, for example, said even if the calorie-posting law migrated to Kansas, it would not motivate him to eat any differently.

"If you're eating something, you know what goes into it, so seeing the numbers wouldn't affect me," he said.

However, Barrett said people's responses to calorie-count postings might change over time.

"For now, they may say, 'To heck with the calorie counts,' but in the long run, they may say, 'Yes, that would be a good idea — let me think about this,'" she said. "So, it may just take a while for the posts to take full effect."

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Secular aspect traditionally celebrated during holidays

Dear Editor:

I would refer columnist Chuck Fischer to a volume titled "The World Encyclopedia of Christmas," written by Gerry Bowler. This extremely comprehensive work gives, in an easily read format, an extensive listing of the wide range of Christmas customs, both religious and nonreligious.

It is mistaken to believe Christmas originated as a Christian feast day. It is also mistaken to believe all early Christians celebrated it. Additionally, it is a mistaken belief that consumerism originated in the last half of the 20th century.

Page 52 notes that Christians in the Middle Ages celebrated Christmas with great excess, mostly in the form of food and drink. In the mid-17th century, the Puritans outlawed it altogether and assessed fines for marking it as a holiday. Page 167 lists some interesting analyses of traditional Christmas carols and points out that Christmas was called in verse by some Neo-Calvinists of the time "a Romish whore."

From other sources in my files, (available on request by e-mail) I learned during the mid-19th century, figures like Charles Dickens and Clement C. Moore reintroduced the concept of feasting and merrymaking. At the end of the 19th century, with the de-

velopment of the Industrial Revolution, commercialism in the form of presents began to go hand-in-hand with feasting.

Page 52 of "The World Encyclopedia of Christmas" also notes all midwinter festivals seem to demand largesse and excess as a response to the shortened, darkened days of winter.

Virtually every civilization in recorded history celebrates the period of least light with attempts to intercept light and fun to get through the coming darkest part of the year. Many cultures, including the Christian one, recognize and celebrate the religious and the secular as well. It does not denigrate the religious to recognize the need to make merry — as Charles Dickens told us so well. Both religion and the best of secular celebrations honor the best of human nature — the desire to give of ourselves to those we care for, to make life a bit better for those less fortunate and to serve our God by our service to humanity.

Congratulations to Bobby Gomez for his far more balanced approach to the holidays. I hope that we all manage to be thankful, be caring and have fun.

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## Early tests will pay off

With easily his most talented all-around team in his three seasons at K-State, head basketball coach Frank Martin is looking to return to the NCAA tournament for the second time in three years.

However, it is his scheduling that will get him there.

In years past, the Wildcats have played game after game in Bramlage Coliseum against the North Carolina Centrals of the world, and it has shown. The Wildcats have finished at least tied for fourth in the Big 12 Conference standings every year since former coach Bob Huggins was hired, and have been to the tournament just once.

Each year it has been the same situation, with coaches making pleas to the NCAA selection committee, saying over and over how the Big 12 is the best conference in the country and placing fourth in said conference should be an automatic berth.

I don't fault Huggins or Martin for that; they're doing their job, trying to get their team into the tournament any way they can. However, in a league with unbalanced scheduling, fourth shouldn't be and isn't good enough.

There was the first year under Huggins. The Wildcats finished fourth, a game ahead of Texas Tech. Both were bubble teams, and both teams went 1-1 in the Big 12 tournament. K-State won the head-to-head conference tournament matchup but was swept by Kansas and had only one win over a ranked team, a 73-72 win over No. 23 Texas.

On the flip side, the Red Raiders swept Texas A&M, which finished second in the league behind KU, and beat KU – something K-State didn't do in three tries. Texas Tech clearly had more big-time wins and the committee went with them instead of the Wildcats.

For those who don't know, the basketball schedule is unbalanced because it divides into North and South divisions, as it does in football. Every team plays at least once, but K-State plays every North team twice and every South team only once. Meaning K-State gets two shots at Kansas, while the South teams get only one. However, it also means that K-State plays perennially poor teams like Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa State twice, which don't look as good on a tournament resume as games against Oklahoma State, Oklahoma or Texas A&M.

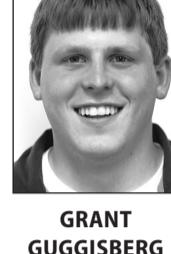
In the case of Huggins' first year, the team played a poor nonconference schedule, as was customary in the Jim Woldridge era. The team accumulated 10 conference wins but managed to beat Kansas zero times in three tries. Adding even just one big win to that schedule earns a tournament berth.

Flash forward to this year, K-State is 5-1 and already has beaten a ranked team in Dayton. After a tune-up at home against Fort Hays State, its next four games are all against quality teams.

Washington State, Xavier and UNLV are all teams that have been to the tournament in recent years, while Alabama is on its way up after beating No. 15 Michigan on Sunday night.

Once league play starts, K-State won't need a win against Kansas to get to the tournament, mainly because the nonconference schedule was solid. K-State should finish third or fourth in the conference and find that there is less begging involved at the end of the season when you go out and play somebody before New Year's.

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GRANT GUGGISBERG

## At season's end

### Cats' losing campaign filled with highs, lows



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

The Women's Volleyball team celebrates after a successful score during the Missouri game in Ahearn Field House. The Wildcats won the match 3-1 to end a six-game losing streak. The team finished the season with a 12-18 record and 6-14 record in conference games.

By Sam Nearhood  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State volleyball team has confronted the Texans from Austin, faced the Cornhuskers of Nebraska and toppled ranked opponents in a season packed with highs and lows.

The highs began in the first two tournaments of the season, where then-No. 22 K-State almost completed a comeback against then-No. 11 Minnesota and took a three-match win in Utah.

The lows began with a loss to Oklahoma in September. The Wildcats commenced a six-match conference losing streak that would not cease until mid-October in a win over Missouri. The five subsequent games marked more losses, save one win against Colorado.

The Wildcats, (12-18, 6-16) then toppled then-No. 23 Texas A&M, followed by another win against Texas Tech. K-State finished the season with two wins in three matches.

After the conclusion of the season, head coach Suzie Fritz said the season did not pan out in their favor.

"I think, from the perspective of wins and losses, it didn't go nearly as we had hoped or had expected," Fritz said.

She said there were multiple reasons for the upset, including losing some strong players, being in one of the best conferences and little collegiate experience on the team.

"I think there's a combination of a lot of factors that worked against us," Fritz said. "Our relative inexperience at the outside hitter position was pretty important in comparison to where a lot of the other teams in the league were."

Despite the disappointments this season, three K-State players have managed to set records. Senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman, senior setter Soriana Pacheco and junior libero Lauren Mathewson have all broken records, both at K-State and in the Big 12 conference, along with a number of other players with rankings in the conference.

#### 2010 LEADING RETURNERS

##### FRONT ROW

So. OH **JuliAnne Chisholm** - Chisholm has consistently led the team in kills/set, only needing improvement in hitting percentage. In multiple matches, her coaches have moved her into a hitting position that receives more sets, so we should see Chisholm's attempts increase next season, along with her kills.

So. OH **Kathleen Ludwig** - Ludwig has very sporadic attack numbers, which should level off with time. With three years left, she could develop into a powerhouse hitter dominating the right side, a tough position for any player.

So. OH **Vanessa Murray** - A transfer from California, Murray showed considerable improvement over the season. She started off slowly with few kills and low percentages, but the advent of conference play changed all that. It will be interesting to see if Murray can keep her level of performance shown from mid-season on and fix her comparatively low blocking numbers.

So. DS **Caitlyn Donahue** - Starting the season all-around and making the expected move to strictly back-row early in conference play, Donahue is talented at finding holes in blocks. At only 5'9"-ish, it is tiring for her to constantly jump for kills and blocks, so she has been subbed in towards the ends of matches to rack up some quick points. Watch for more pivotal showings from this growing player.

So. MB **Alex Muff** - With star middle blocker Kelsey Chipman leaving the team, a position has opened up in the middle, and Muff is the most likely candidate to take it. She did not begin playing until halfway through the season, but Muff has recorded good numbers for her age. Recently, she has been shining on the defensive side of the front row. Expect strong performances - and possibly a new Chipman - over her next three years here.

##### BACK ROW

Sr. L **Lauren Mathewson** - Any list about the back row would not be complete without a first-mention of Mathewson. As a talented libero who holds many K-State and Big 12 Conference records, she led the team in digs/set in 25 out of 30 matches and finished second on the team for total aces. With a fierce instinct, Mathewson can reasonably be expected to continue her stronghold on the back row and find more records.

Jr. DS **Abby Fay** - Fay battled with Pacheco for the setter position last season, and worked her way into a top defensive specialist position this season. One notable trend of her statistics - in both digging and serving - is that they stay decently consistent, proving Fay to be a reliable player. Keep an eye out for her top-notch serving ability, floating the ball in just over the net and causing much consternation for spectators.

So. DS **Caitlyn Donahue** - As well as an exceptional offensive force, Donahue has shown considerable talent in the back row. With her eye on the libero position, she has beaten Mathewson a couple of times in digs/set. Her main area for improvement will be in serving. It will be riveting to watch her duke it out with Mathewson for command of the back row.

So. OH **Kathleen Ludwig** - Ludwig and Donahue - both freshman and both talented in all volleyball positions - are expected to develop into top Conference players during their time here. Ludwig has excelled both in digging and serving, recording the most aces on the team and consistently placing in the top three for digs/set. The 2010 season expects even better performances from her at every spot on the court.

- Compiled by Sam Nearhood

#### GRADUATING SENIORS



Chipman



Pacheco

Middle blocker Kelsey Chipman played her last season as a Wildcat this year, finishing with new records at K-State and in conference. Chipman started her freshman year as a Wildcat as an outside hitter. Head coach Suzie Fritz recalled Chipman's performance on the outside.

"She was playing on the right at the time, and we were running double quicks with her over there, and she was a great right-front blocking presence - one of the best we've had," Fritz said.

After moving into the middle blocker position, K-State played two very successful seasons.

"We came into our own my sophomore and junior year," Chipman said. "I really think we had a great team."

This year, Chipman finished very strongly, setting a K-State record for most 10-block matches, personal career highs and constant rankings in the Big 12 Conference. In her four years wearing purple, she has set numerous records, including highest hitting percentage in a four-game match, most block assists in a season and most block assists in a career, to name a few. Coach Fritz spoke very highly of the obvious talents of Chipman.

"She's huge," Fritz said. "She's a great kid. She's an unbelievable student. She's a tremendously self-motivated young person. She's ultra-disciplined and mature and has done so many positive things for us. She's an exemplary student athlete."

Transferring from Western Nebraska Community College in 2008, Pacheco joined the team looking to secure the starting setter position. After battling with then-redshirt freshman Abby Fay, Panchoe claimed the spot as her own midway through the season.

This year, Pacheco has tallied 1161 assists, positively contributing to her team. Head Coach Suzie Fritz said she was proud of Pacheco.

"There's a ton of positive thing that I can say about her," Fritz said. "I think her influence, just in the fact that she touches every second ball and has a lot of influence over the outcome of the match, is huge. She has this pretty consistent temperament that I think can be very, very beneficial for setters. You wouldn't know if we're up by 20 or down by 20 by watching [Pacheco] play."

Pacheco ended her time at K-State with a 10th-place record in career assists, as well as earning seventh place in the conference for season assists.

She has plans to play professionally in South America. When asked about what she would miss most, Pacheco said she did not want to leave behind her team and school.

"The most I'm going to miss, I think, is Suzie. She's a really nice coach. And playing at Ahearn, all the fans always supporting you. It's pretty nice when they say your name and you throw the ball. I'm going to miss those things."

- Compiled by Sam Nearhood

#### SPORTS BRIEF

## Chipman named to All-Conference team

STAFF REPORT

Ending her career at K-State, senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman was chosen for the All-Big 12 Team and named Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Week, according to Big 12 Conference officials. The award is voted on by head coaches in the league.

In her first acknowledgment for All Big 12, Chipman received an honorable mention after closing her final season with 301 kills,

a .345 hitting percentage and 131 blocks. She also finished third in the Big 12 in hitting percentage and blocks.

Following her performances of four solo blocks and six block assists against No. 8 Nebraska, along with six block assists against Texas Tech, Chipman was selected as the Big 12 Conference Defensive Player of the Week. This is her third pick as Player of the Week. This comes after she tied for ninth place in the Big 12 for career block assists.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Coach Snyder offers words of thanks

To the students of K-State:

Thank you so very much for your loyal and caring support this past season. It means a great deal to our players, your program and to me personally. Although the program made continued progress throughout most of the season, the last two games were certainly disappointing for all of us. I apologize for letting you down.

We will continue to do all we can to improve consistently and provide you with the program you richly deserve. During my

earlier tenure at K-State, I felt strongly that we had the most loyal and caring student body support of any school I was aware of. Nothing has happened to change my feelings this past season. You have been tremendous and greatly appreciated.

Hope you had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday with family. Wishing you continued success and good fortune.

Coach Snyder  
K-STATE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Wildcats to face Fort Hays State tonight

By Justin Nutter  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With back-to-back games against Washington State and Xavier just around the corner, the K-State men's basketball team will face opportunities to pad its NCAA Tournament résumé early in the season.

The Wildcats (5-1) will have one more chance to prepare for those match-ups when they take on Fort Hays State at 7 tonight in Bramlage Coliseum.

K-State is coming off back-to-back wins – and upset victory over No. 18 Dayton in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off and a win against IUPUI in the Sprint Center – but head coach Frank Martin said the team is far from where it needs to be.

"We are very selfish," Martin said after Saturday's game. "The new guys are doing what they think they need to do and not what they're asked to do."

The Tigers started the season with a perfect 3-0 mark and played host to Newman University Monday night. A score was not available at press time.

Prior to tonight's contest, the Wildcats have faced Fort Hays State a total of four times in regular season play. The squads have met several times in exhibition contests, but K-State won the last official meeting during the 1947 campaign. The overall series is tied at 2-2.

Fort Hays State has received

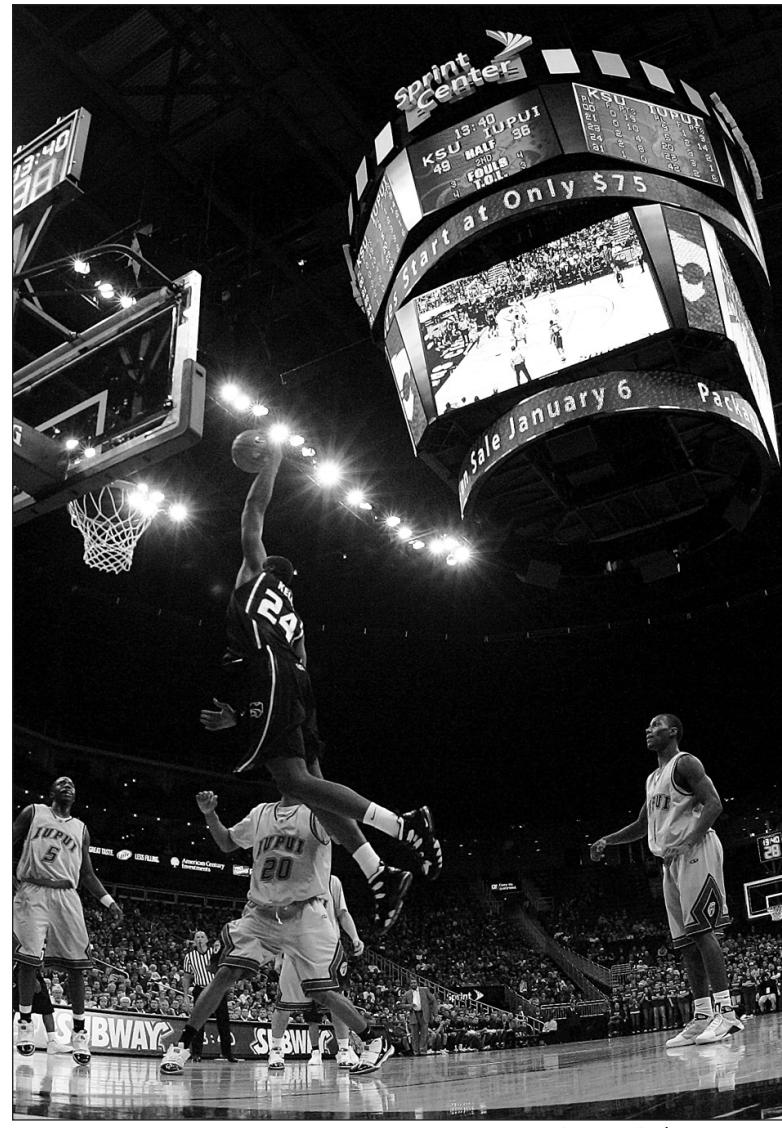
offensive contribution from several players as four Tigers own a double-digit scoring average. Senior forward Tim Peintner leads the team, with an average 14.3 points per outing. Peintner also leads the Tigers in rebounding with an average of 8.7 boards per contest.

The Wildcats have also enjoyed an even scoring distribution this season. Junior guard Jacob Pullen has scored at least 25 points in his last two starts and leads the team with 17.8 points per game. Senior guard Denis Clemente and junior forward Curtis Kelly are tied for second on the team with a scoring average of 13.3 points, and Kelly has emerged as the team's leading rebounder with 8.5 per game.

Despite Kelly's numbers, Martin said the transfer from Connecticut has yet to play to his full potential.

"If [Kelly] ever buys in and decides to commit himself to the things we're asking him to do, he makes us a good basketball team," Martin said. "Right now, his numbers are individual talent numbers. We, as coaches, need to make him come to us."

Tonight's game is the second in a four-game homestand for K-State – Saturday's game in Kansas City, Mo., was considered a home game on the team's schedule – and it is the first of three straight contests in Bramlage.



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN  
K-State forward **Curtis Kelly** leaps for a dunk during the second half of the Wildcats' game in Kansas City's Sprint Center Saturday. K-State beat IUPUI 70-57.

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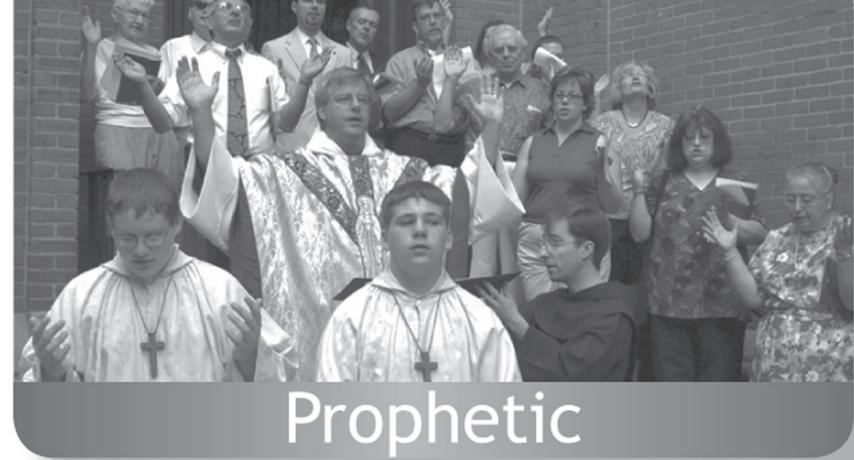
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## ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## WOODS DENIES RUMORS OF AFFAIR

Famous golfer Tiger Woods was in a car crash merely yards away from his driveway Friday, according to *People.com*. According to the Web site, rumors immediately began to circulate that the crash followed an argument between Woods and his wife, Elin Nordegren, about an alleged affair between Woods and a hostess at a club in New York City, Rachel Uchitel.



Woods

According to the Web site, Woods denied the allegations and called the events "a private matter" and said talk of connections between he and Uchitel are "unfounded and malicious rumors."

Woods ran his SUV into a tree outside the driveway to his home in Florida, according to *People.com*. He was unconscious after the collision and Nordegren had to smash the rear windows with one of Woods' golf clubs to drag him out of the vehicle.

Uchitel has also denied the rumors she was involved romantically with Woods, according to *People.com*. According to the Web site, Uchitel said she is "overwhelmed" by the events and has hired a lawyer to "handle the situation." While Uchitel denied the claims, other sources insist she was connected with Woods and it is not her first "fling" with a celebrity, according to *People.com*.

## COUPLE CRASHES STATE DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE

The U.S. Secret Service is investigating a couple who successfully crashed President Barack Obama's first state dinner, which was at the White House last Tuesday, according to *People.com*. The dinner was in honor of the Indian prime minister, and 320 guests were invited, according to the Web site.



Obama

Despite the guest list, Marine guards, Secret Service details and White House staff, Tareq and Michaela Salahi successfully crashed the party, even posing for pictures with Vice President Joe Biden, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and some Marine guards, according to *People.com*.

According to the Web site, the guests passed both metal detectors and security guards in charge of the guest list without a problem, and then had their names announced upon their entrance to the party by a Marine guard. Because their names were not actually on the guest list or the seating chart, the couple did not stay for dinner, according to *People.com*.

According to *People.com*, the Salahis' attorney wrote that the couple was "cleared, by the White House, to be there," and "more information will be forthcoming" on their *Facebook.com* page. The couple could face charges of "trespassing and felonious misrepresentation," according to *People.com*.

## JADEN SMITH TO STAR IN 'KARATE KID' REMAKE

Jaden Smith, son of actor and recording artist Will Smith, is working on a new version of "The Karate Kid," and has put in hours of hard work to prepare for the role, according to *People.com*.

Jaden will star opposite Jackie Chan in the film, which should hit theaters June 11, according to the Web site.

Jaden told *People.com* he trained for four months with the fight coordinator, and Chan said he proved to be a dedicated, hard worker, according to *People.com*.

Chan said Jaden was professional and respectful costar, and that he "is as professional as many adult actors who have been in the business for years," according to the Web site.

"Jackie taught me to ask, 'My left or camera left?'" Jaden said, according to the Web site. "That helped."

-Compiled by Elena Buckner

# Cool couture

## Comfort, blending style important for holidays

With Thanksgiving here and gone and Christmas fast approaching, the stress of giving gifts and dropping the right hints for gifts is a daily reality. In addition to these new

considerations, thoughts of dressing up for the holidays and for colder weather is a task some do not look forward to.

Trying to figure out what to buy others for the holidays is not always something that gets easier over the years. However, here are a few ideas and tips to get the special people on your list a different, yet personal, gift.

For women, this season's fashion blends comfort and style: You cannot go wrong with cardigans and sweatshirts as well as boots, gloves, hats and scarves. Jewelry is also another gift idea that will please any stylish woman on your list. From simple rhinestone studs to bejeweled necklaces and belts, anything goes for this year and will work especially well next year.

For men, clothing is not always what they want for Christmas. If you do by him clothing try to find styles that mix comfort and trends. Stick to graphic and vintage T-shirts and sweaters, and you will not need to stock up for next year. For those who choose to "man"-cessorize, scarves, gloves, slouchy hats, eyeglasses and even "man bags" are good options.

Along with the holiday shopping season comes a holiday wardrobe. There is a fine line between festive and tacky, and anyone who has been to a tacky holiday party can attest to this fact.

For Christmas, it is OK to stick with a holiday color palette: Reds and greens are easy to wear especially around the holidays, and white and black are great standbys. Instead of resorting to tacky vests and sweaters, solid colored sweaters and turtlenecks are a warm choice. To add holiday flare to an outfit, holiday-colored scarves, sparkly headbands and jewelry help say "holiday" and "stylish."

New Year's Eve is an especially hard holiday to choose clothes to wear. The location of your holiday celebration should help make the decision easier. If you plan on celebrating with other K-Staters and watching the Little Apple drop in Aggierville, a skin-tight mini-dress and high heels would not be advisable because Aggierville often involves walking. However, if you plan on staying indoors for the majority of the night, the above outfit would be more suitable.

For New Year's Eve, the more outgoing, the better. Keep the taste of the outfit in mind and remember you are celebrating the New Year – not a new job at a strip club. Dresses are fun and easy to wear, but jeans and a fun blouse can work as well. Sparkles and rhinestones are an excellent way to dress up an outfit, and a great way

to reflect the festivity of the occasion without worrying about "wardrobe malfunctions" that sometimes result from skimpy dresses.

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## Recipe: Homemade sweet potato fries

Serving Size 1/2 cup

Recipe makes 6 servings

**Amount Per Serving:**

Calories 94

Calories from Fat 202

Total Fat 4.6g

Saturated Fat 0.6g

Sodium 215mg

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**INGREDIENTS:**

2 large sweet potatoes

2 tablespoon olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Scrub sweet potatoes well and cut out any blemishes.
2. Cut the potatoes into long, thin strips, leaving peel intact.
3. Place sweet potato strips in a gallon sealable bag. Add oil, salt and pepper into the bag and shake well to coat.
4. Place on baking pan, and bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes.

- Compiled by Fruit of the Fight, a student group dealing with issues concerning public health.



COURTESY PHOTO

# Student committee reviews possible tuition models

By Danny Davis  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Colleges across the country are raising tuition in an effort to cope with the budget crisis. The State of Kansas is no different with a recent Board of Regents meeting reporting another shortfall of \$260 million.

One Student Governing Association committee uses financial analysis of the university to make specific request related to the university's budget and tuition.

The Long-Term Tuition Strategies Committee was formed in 2005. According to the committee's charter, it was formed to examine the five-year tuition strategy, form guidelines for future tuition strategies, and develop a proposal to present to the university.

"I think right now, given the current eco-

nomic times, all topics are related to tuition, specific fees and the general budget issues," said Speaker of the Student Senate Amy Schultz.

Committee members are looking at areas in which students contribute to the university and trying to find better ways to do things, Schultz said.

Three tuition models were reviewed by the committee: a differential rate, in which students pay more for higher level classes; a flat tuition rate where students pay the same tuition for four or five years; and a predicted tuition rate, increasing tuition by a specific amount each year.

The University of Kansas has a flat tuition rate while K-State has a predicted tuition rate.

"We don't want to charge students, we

know that families are stressed," said Student Body President Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics and agricultural communications and journalism. He said it was a matter of keeping tuition low and charging enough to provide a quality education.

The committee will present a recommendation to K-State administration who will then work on the proposal. After the proposal is finalized, it will be presented to the Board of Regents. Last year, K-State had the lowest tuition percentage increase in the state of Kansas, Henry said.

"It is genuinely tough to be the same institution when you're operating with a tenth less the funds that you had before," Henry said.

In the past, the committee formed after the start of the second semester. However,

the committee formed sooner this year due to the budget problems.

"We're in a tough situation, as a university," Henry said.

The committee is also considering college-specific fees, said Schultz. Certain colleges at K-State add additional fees to tuition.

"Obviously when we get into a tough budget time, a lot of other colleges would like to have these fees," Henry said.

The committee originally had more of a role in determining what projects to fund.

"The role has grown smaller," Schultz said.

"The true focus of the committee is determining the structure of the tuition and how the university will operate on the budget."

Members of the committee include nine students, Henry, Schultz and several administration officials.

## Man survives controversial treatment

By Amanda Woodruff  
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Thomas Hufford, 76, of Loveland, Ohio endured a massive heart attack in his urologist's office Sept. 29. Now, doctors consider him a miracle.

Thomas experienced 25 minutes without blood circulation, and in order to save his life, Dr. Andrew Burger at University Hospital put him into a hypothermic protocol.

The core body temperature was decreased to approximately 75 degrees.

"He was so cold," said Janet Hufford, his wife. "I'd feel his arm and it was like a rock. Just frozen. But they knew what they were doing."

Thomas continued the hypothermia therapy to prevent brain damage and alleviate the stress on vital organs.

In the condition of hypothermia, the body reduces its need for oxygen and the chemical reactions associated with injury, according to the American Heart Association.

"We had no idea how he was going to respond," Janet said. "The doctors said 'we're going to thaw him out now,' and they tested his reactions."

Thomas spent 10 days undergoing hypothermia therapy. Once he regained full function on Oct. 8, Dr. J. Michael Smith, chief of cardiac surgery at University Hospital, assessed him and decided he was fit for coronary artery bypass surgery.

"My arteries were so blocked the doctors said it was like going through concrete," Thomas said. "They had to pull veins out of my legs - they couldn't use a stint."

Smith was unable to perform an angioplasty because of intense calcification of his arteries and moved to a bypass as the next viable option.

"What I did was no big deal," Smith said.

"What was a big deal was the doctors who put him into the hypothermic protocol and saved his life, saved his brain."

Smith released Thomas Oct. 13, confident in a full recovery with very little damage to the heart after the massive heart attack.

"Dr. Smith was great and very personable," Janet said. "It was scary, but I trusted them."

The Norwood urology center where Thomas receives treatment from Dr. Gary Kirsch for his prostate cancer has much gratitude from Janet.

After complaining of dizziness, nurses asked Thomas to take a seat; that's when his body launched into cardiac arrest.

"The fact they we were in the office was the most fortunate thing in the world," Janet said. "If he had gotten in my car, he would not be here. The nurses did CPR all the way to the hospital."

Burger has performed this type of treatment on at least three other patients and Thomas is the only one to completely recover.

In March 2001, doctors at University Hospital treated Thomas after a head-on collision on Mitchell Avenue. With cracked ribs, a broken collarbone and multiple fractures, Thomas knows that his recent visit was more catastrophic.

"They took great care of me both times," Thomas said.

While resting at home with his wife and cat, Sugar, Thomas looks forward to the day he can renew his pilot license or get his hands dirty working on planes. That day is nearly six months away due to recovery time, but flying has always been his passion.

"He's a go-getter," Janet said. "He's not going to let this bring him down."

-College News Network

## Students find work with 'kgb'

By Rebecca McKinsey  
OHIO UNIVERSITY

The answer to any number of questions can now be sent straight to a cell phone for \$0.99.

The Knowledge Generation Bureau, better known as kgb, recently launched a text answering service that utilizes "special agents" who use verified sources to answer submitted questions.

"Ohio University is best known for its journalism school as well as that Halloween party scene," according to a response from the service.

The New York-based company launched its new service last January. It is commonly known as 542542 or kgbg and the independent contractors who answer the questions sent in are called kgb special agents.

"We know of at least ten students who are kgb agents at OU," said Raquel Rinn, a kgb spokeswoman. "However, we can only estimate those numbers based on agents that give us their school e-mail addresses and contact info. So there could be many more (OU students) who use personal addresses."

The special agents work to provide accurate answers using verified sources and previously answered questions.

"The text handler tool has a database of all the answers we have ever sent out. If the answer to your question is in there, we pick it and send it out. If it's not, we search the Internet, books - basically anything that might have the answer in it," John Bouger, a third-year graduate student studying organic chemistry and a kgb special agent said. "When we send out an answer, we are required to have a reliable source attached to the answer that the cus-

tomer can see. We can't use sources such as Wikipedia.com or Yahoo! Answers."

The service competes with similar text answer companies that require only standard text messaging fees, but kgb's answers are worth the price, said Bruce Stewart, kgb's CEO.

"It's not about just conducting a search through a search engine," Stewart said. "It's about going to the best sources to give accurate answers."

The accuracy and source reliability that are trademarks of kgb are put to the test with some of the more unique questions texted to the special agents. Bouger recalled a time he was asked how many nickels it would take to reach the moon. In this case, the basic math skills that all special agents are required to have came into play, rather than research.

"I took the width of a nickel and divided it by the distance to the moon and gave them the answer," Bouger said.

Despite the care taken in providing accurate responses, the very nature of kgb invites informality, Stewart added.

"The dynamic is that (students) were constantly using texting to ask their circle of friends questions," he said. "We can do that for you, establish some trust. We can do it conversationally - you don't have to think about how you ask a question."

Bouger said the job's flexibility is the primary reason he decided to work for kgb.

"You can do (this job) from anywhere you have a high-speed internet connection. When you work for someone like Wendy's, you have a schedule you have to adhere to. When I work for kgb, I can log on whenever I have some extra time," Bouger said. "This is a very cool job."

-College News Network

## Warm welcome



Erin Poppe | COLLEGIAN

Kristen Garcia, sophomore in family studies and human services receives a warm welcome from Meredith Mayerle, freshman in biosystems engineering, upon returning to Moore Hall after Thanksgiving break.

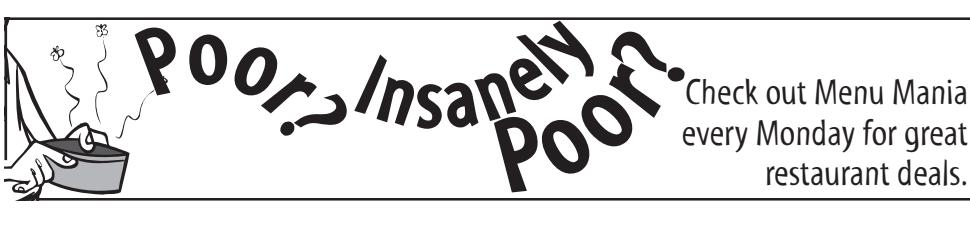
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## Teaching evolution required some states

By Ashley Luthern  
OHIO UNIVERSITY

With the publication of *The Origin of Species*, Charles Darwin revolutionized science. Now, 150 years later, evolution is still the prevailing scientific theory explaining the origins of life on Earth, but discussing the topic in classrooms remains a challenge.

Science teachers in Ohio are required by state education standards to teach evolution and related concepts, like examining the gradual changes of species in the fossil record, as early as grade eight, said Danielle Dani, an assistant professor of science education at Ohio University.

Science education in Ohio, however, has not been free from controversy.

In 2006, the Ohio State Board of Education voted to remove a lesson plan for a state science standard that said students should be able to "describe how scientists continue to investigate and critically analyze aspects of evolutionary theory," according to a report from the National Center for Science Education.

## POLICE | Multiple thefts, break-ins reported during weekend

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the only key. Crosby said the backhoe was worth \$20,000.

The incident occurred between 6 p.m. Nov. 21 and 7:50 a.m. Nov. 22, according to the report.

### LOCAL WOMAN ARRESTED

A Junction City woman was arrested and charged with failure to appear Sunday, according to a report by the RCPD.

Ciara Cherelle Wooten, 21, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

The original charge was conspiracy to traffic and contraband at a correctional institution on Oct. 5, Crosby said.

Bond was set at \$5,000, according to the report.

### APARTMENT BURGLARIZED

A local man reported to the RCPD that his apartment was broken into and several items – worth \$5,000 total – were stolen.

Joshua Kasiska, 21, of 931 Leavenworth, Apt. 1, said his front door was damaged from a forced entry. Three watches, 10 DVDs, 50 PlayStation games and a DVD player were stolen, according to the report.

Crosby said the incidents occurred between 4 p.m. Nov. 24 and 6 p.m. Sunday.

### TECH GADGETS STOLEN

A local woman reported to the RCPD that a large amount of technological gadgets were stolen from her apartment over Thanksgiving weekend.

Krystal Booth, 28, of 501 Stone Drive, Apt. 1104, said several items were stolen, including a Wii console and Wii game, a Gamecube game, 22 DVDs, a Canon digital camera, a Macbook laptop, a 32-inch television, a 30 GB Apple iPod and one tennis bracelet. The items are worth \$3,699 total, according to the report.

Crosby said there were no signs of forced entry. The events occurred between 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

### ELECTRONICS WORTH \$3,370 STOLEN FROM HOME

Two local men reported to the RCPD the theft of items worth \$3,370.

Travis Chard, 25, and Brian Otto, 25, of 810 Laramie St., said the following items were stolen from their house: 13 PlayStation 3 games, an HP computer, two PlayStation 3 consoles, a Fossil watch, cologne, miscellaneous change, two DVD players, two Playstation controllers, 17 DVDs and a high-definition multimedia interface card.

The incidents occurred between 11 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday, according to the report.

### HONDA DIRT BIKE STOLEN

A local man reported to the RCPD that his Honda dirt bike was stolen.

Jacob Herder, 22, of 3106 Heritage Court, Apt. 149, said the bike was a 2001

Honda CR250. Crosby said the suspect cut the chain that was locking the bike. The theft and damages total \$2,350, according to the report.

The incidents occurred between 2 p.m. Nov. 24 and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to the report.

### STUN GUN, TV, OTHER ITEMS STOLEN DURING BREAK-IN

A local woman reported to the RCPD that her apartment was broken into, and several items were found missing.

Darcy Letourneau, 20, of 1004 Moro St., Apt. A, said she came home to a damaged front door, which will cost \$150 to repair, Crosby said.

The following items were stolen: a ProScan 32-inch TV, a stun gun, 20 DVDs, a Wii game console and a Coolpix camera, according to the report. The items were worth \$1,300 total.

The incidents occurred between 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, according to the report.

### LAPTOP, CHECKBOOK, STOLEN OUT OF VEHICLE

A local woman reported that several items, worth \$1,390 total, were stolen out of her vehicle.

Kellie Hays, 21, of 1925 Hays Drive, said her white Macbook laptop, black backpack, wallet and checkbook were stolen from her vehicle, Crosby said.

The incident occurred between 2 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Friday, according to the report.

## CITY | Salary increases to be discussed at meeting

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motorists can park from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the designated "orange" parking zone, according to the agenda.

Items on the consent agenda include the allowance of alcohol use in the We-feld Pavilion located in city park, raises in salaries for city employees for 2010, approval to apply for state funding of a transportation enhancement program in Manhattan for 2011 and 2012.

Other items include awarding contracts to Walter-Morgan Construction Inc. of Manhattan for work on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade and expansion project, to Dondlinger & Sons Construction of Wichita, Kan., for storm sewer improvements and to Bowman Bowman Novick Inc. of Manhattan for architectural services for completion of pilot space in the Manhattan/K-State Innovation Center.

Lastly, accepting a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation for installing a traffic signal at Kimball Avenue and Candlewood Drive intersection and acquiring land for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant are also on the agenda.

The meeting is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. in the city commission room of city hall located at 1101 Poynz Ave. It will also be televised on local Cable Channel 3. Citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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# UPC, K-State Proud to join forces for year-long campaign



By Karen Ingram  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State Proud is normally associated with a spring basketball game. Students purchase T-shirts with a donation to the organization and fill Bramlage Coliseum to show their support for the team and their fellow students.

This year, however, the K-State Proud advisory board decided to change the campaign to a year-long drive. This change started with a Proud volleyball game on Oct. 17 and continued with the decision to let students vote for their favorite designs on [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com). Another campaign event is scheduled for Union Program Council's After Hours program on Friday.

K-State Proud is a student-run campaign that raises money to help students. Since it began three years ago, it has raised more than \$250,000 which is given to students in two separate awards: the K-State Proud and K-State Hero.

The K-State Proud award is given to students who are having trouble financing their way through school.

Ryan Wilkerson, junior in accounting and vice president of student relations for the KSU Foundation, said the award is frequently given to students working jobs or who have a long commute to school, but that it can apply in many circumstances.

Students can nominate themselves, or they can be nominated by other students or faculty. The scholarship has no application deadline and is given throughout the year.

The K-State Hero award is given to students who "go above and beyond," Wilkerson said. The award is loosely defined to be flexible, but can apply to students who do volunteer work to better the K-

State or Manhattan community, use good leadership skills and more.

Students can be nominated by others or by themselves, and the application deadline for this year's Hero awards is Friday.

Further information and applications for both awards can be found at [K-stateproud.org](http://K-stateproud.org).

Last year the campaign raised more than \$105,000. Wilkerson said this year the campaign looks to raise more than \$115,000.

In past years, the design for the T-shirts was created by students in Tom Bookwalter's Professional Business Practices class and chosen by the Foundation and the Proud advisory board.

This year's T-shirt designs were created by Bookwalter's students and posted on [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com). Students could then vote for their favorite designs over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The results were given to the Foundation and the advisory board to be finalized, and the winning design will be announced on Monday in Bookwalter's class.

Bookwalter, associate professor in graphic design and illustration, said many projects in the class were generated by organizations on campus, such as the Foundation. He also said K-State Proud was a great opportunity for his students to gain real-world experience in graphic design before graduating.

"It bridges the gap between hypothetical projects professors come up with and business projects in real life," said Bookwalter. "The Foundation's been a very good client of ours."

The student whose design is chosen for the spring T-shirts will receive a \$150 scholarship.

On Friday, UPC will sponsor its K-State Proud After Hours event from 4 to



**Top:** Members of the K-State Proud organization reached out to fans in Ahearn Field House earlier this year to spread the group's message of K-State pride at a volleyball game against KU.

Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

**Above:** K-State fans show their pride during K-State's basketball game against the KU last February.

Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

State Proud T-shirts from previous years to the event.

Anna Zeiger, junior in nutrition science and co-chair of K-State Proud, said After Hours is a good opportunity for students who do not usually go to athletic events to learn about and participate in a K-State Proud event. She also said she was excited to see how the Clearly You Crystals turned out.

The new T-shirt will debut in February in time for the basketball game against the Missouri Tigers on Feb. 27.

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